GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5480
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011
DEEP SEA FISHING
Das Shri Bhakta Charan;Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz;Jeyadural Shri S. R.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deep sea fishing industry in the country is facing problem due to drastic fall in marine catch and other factors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether progressive policies and constant monitoring have not been carried out on the deep-sea fishing sector;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that foreign trawlers/fishing vessels have been over-exploiting the marine wealth of the country in violation of the letters of permission;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES {DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) and (b) No, Madam. The Marine fish production has been stable during the iast few years as is evident from the following table.

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (P)	2010-11 (P)
Marine Fish Production (in lakh tonnes)	29.29	29.78	31.00	32.20

P: Provisional

(c) and (d) The policy on deep sea fisheries is an evolving process and is regularly monitored through the Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries.

(e) and (f) The Letter of Permits (LOPs) are issued only to Indian Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (DSFVs) for fishing in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Indian Coast Guard apprehends any illegal fishing vessel, if found fishing in Indian waters and appropriate action is taken in accordance with the existing law/guidelines.

(g) The Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries regularly meets to deliberate on issues relating to fisheries in Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The Government has also constituted an Expert Group to revalidate potential fisheries resources and to recommend an appropriate fleet plan. Besides an Expert Group was also constituted to review the existing deep sea fishing guidelines.